



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 17, 2005

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- CALL TO ORDER AT 9:05 A.M.

MINUTES:

PRESENT: MAYOR GOODMAN (via telephone conference) and COUNCILMEMBERS REESE, BROWN, WEEKLY, MACK, WOLFSON and TARKANIAN

Also Present: CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER BETSY FRETWELL (via telephone conference), CITY ATTORNEY JOHN REDLEIN and CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK BEVERLY K. BRIDGES

- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

MINUTES:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge

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Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

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- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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MAYOR PRO TEM REESE led the audience in the Pledge.

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4. Submitted at meeting - Letter from the Department of Taxation filed under Item 1
5. Submitted at meeting - PowerPoint Presentation filed under Item 1
6. Submitted at meeting - City of Las Vegas Budget Policies

MOTION:

BROWN - APPROVED the Fiscal-Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Final Budget and the Fiscal-Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Final Budget, including the Budget Policies as recommended by the Citizen Priority Advisory Committee - UNANIMOUS

MINUTES:

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing open for Item 1 [Fiscal Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Tentative Budget and Fiscal Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Final Budget, including the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan] and Item 2 [Fiscal Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Tentative Budget and Fiscal Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Final Budget].

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE announced that MAYOR GOODMAN and DEPUTY CITY MANAGER BETSY FRETWELL are in Washington, D.C. for City business and would join the meeting via telephone.

CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY explained that this year's total budget is \$1.2 billion, an increase of a hundred million dollars over last year's \$1.1 billion budget. The current City population is about 550,000 people. The General Fund is about \$480 million. He reported that both the Capital and the General Fund Budgets are balanced. He added that 58% of the General Fund budget is designated for

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public safety; police, fire, some aspects of Public Works, Code Enforcement and Detention and Enforcement. He introduced SHERIFF BILL YOUNG, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, who explained Metro's portion of the budget.

SHERIFF YOUNG indicated that Metro is requesting a \$111 million contribution to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Metro's Fiscal Year 2005/2006 Budget approved by the Fiscal Affairs Committee, of which COUNCILMEN REESE and MACK are members, represents an increase of 8.22% over the previous fiscal year. This year's budget will include 59 new police officers, 50 civilian positions; lab staff, dispatchers, clerical support for area commands and supplemental staffing for their personnel bureau to accommodate the hiring requirements for the sale tax initiative funded officers pending before the State Senate. He is hoping that measure will be passed this week. The Governor will sign the bill once passed and it will be brought before the County Commission for enactment.

SHERIFF YOUNG outlined some of the programs Metro's is requesting that are very important for the entire community and its public safety. This budget would fund the Spanish Interpreter Program, a pilot project that received a half million dollars of federal funding through Senator Harry Reid. After a lengthy hiring and screening process twenty-eight part-time interpreters will be hired. The interpreters have to be very fluent in the language they speak. Their character has to be of the highest integrity because they would be out in the field at the request of police officers and/or citizens when a call for service is received. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has done well recruiting minorities for Metro, but only eight percent of the working police force is of Hispanic descent. The proposed program is Metro's commitment to ensure fairness, the rights of people are protected and that the right suspects are apprehended. The program is 24/7 and the part-time employees will not have health or retirement benefits.

Another project is records imaging. Currently, Metro's record keeping is archaic. In order to obtain a paperless society, Metro needs to start digitizing their records. Files continue to grow and space is limited. Currently, Metro is renting storage space for its records.

The budget would also provide for the emergency 9-1-1 self-divert system. It is Metro's responsibility to answer the 9-1-1 calls and Metro has done a great job in improving its ability to answer those calls. Over 95% of calls are answered in ten seconds or less. The self-divert system would allow the call to be diverted to the law enforcement division or to medical and fire department if a citizen needs medical attention. This would eliminate the need for the police dispatcher to answer every single call, and most importantly, it will greatly enhance Metro's ability to serve the community.

The firearm range, which opened in 1985, is in need of numerous repairs and improvements to ensure the safety of police officers and the public. These include repair to the pump house, updating the ventilation system and providing adequate restroom facilities at the site.

Metro took on the task of the ballot initiative to provide a dedicated revenue source for the funding a 150 police officers in perpetuity. He was appreciative of the Council's support and commitment of this initiative. COUNCILMAN MACK thanked SHERIFF YOUNG for his presentation. He thanked the Assembly and the Senate for their support. Ward 6 residents support the tax sales initiative

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COUNCILMAN WOLFSON asked SHERIFF YOUNG to explain what the sales tax initiative would provide. SHERIFF YOUNG explained that the bill has been modified throughout the process. Originally the bill was drafted to ask for a quarter of a cent sales tax increase July 1, 2005, and then another quarter of a cent automatically four years later. He noted two major modifications. One, four years from now Metro needs to go back to the Legislature and the second quarter of a cent has to be approved. He believes they want to see that Metro will do what they committed to do. Secondly, the Legislature asked that the sales tax increase occur October 1, 2005 instead of July 1, 2005. The money from the sales tax increase will allow Metro to hire approximately 150 police officers on a yearly basis solely funded from that quarter of a cent for the first four years. The money can only be used for salaries and benefits for police officers, their equipment, which includes vehicles, equipment for the vehicles, uniforms, badges and guns. The money cannot be designated for buildings or capital improvement programs. His commitment is to assign 80% of police officers to uniform patrol in area substations, black and white cars or the traffic bureau. The other 20% he would have the option to assign to specialized units; the detective bureau, SWAT, helicopters and canine. The community is willing to pay for additional police officers for a safer community. Police officers need to patrol neighborhoods and be assigned to neighborhood substations. A year from now the Police Academy will graduate officers that will have been funded from the sales tax initiative.

SHERIFF YOUNG clarified for COUNCILMAN WOLFSON that the hiring of officers would be staggered. Metro could recruit, train and hire up to 250 new police officers per year in Metro's current academy. As each year passes, about 30 to 50 officers retire. He pledged to recruit only the most qualified candidates. Currently, Metro has approximately 2,200 police officers, and according to a study conducted last year Metro is short 400 officers. In four years he will be happy to testify at the Legislature to explain and show what Metro has accomplished.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON indicated he would be pleased to see 600 officers on the street. He commended SHERIFF YOUNG for his drive, initiative and energy. SHERIFF YOUNG replied that this is due to the efforts of the City Council, the County Commission, the community and the men and women of Metro.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN thanked the Sheriff for the information and stated she found there is a great deal of hard work and efficiency on the part of Metro officers.

COUNCILMAN BROWN asked if Metro plans to do specific outreach to recruit young Hispanic officers. SHERIFF YOUNG replied that Metro has created African/American Recruitment and Hispanic Councils within the recruitment and personnel human resources division to specifically target young people. In addition, respected community leaders and teachers are willing to reach out to young people advising that law enforcement is not a bad choice. Metro has implemented programs that specifically target younger people, such as the Explorer Program. The Explorer Program has grown tremendously, from 12 to 70 participants between the age of 16 and 19 who are thinking about becoming police officers.

SHERIFF YOUNG outlined some of Metro's new programs aimed at drunk driving. One program is called "A Blink of the Eye", which is presented to all junior and senior high schools. It is a video and a presentation that includes the participation of the young lady involved in the accident at Las Vegas High

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School that claimed lives and the loss of her leg. Another program called "Every Fifteen Minutes" is a two-day program that reenacts and videotapes a terrible accident in front of a high school to include the paramedic, rescue squads, police, investigation, injuries, trip to the UMC Trauma Center and the doctor or the coroner notifying parents that their child is dead.

COUNCILMAN BROWN verified with CITY MANAGER SELBY that the City is prepared for any impacts the self-divert program might impose on the Fire Department. SHERIFF YOUNG added that the Fire Department would get those calls anyway. This is a short cut. Eighty percent are medical calls, though many require a police officer because they were caused by a crime, domestic violence or a car accident. The self-divert program will give the citizen the option of choosing what they need; a medical or fire unit and bypass Metro. Then Metro will rely on the City's Fire Department dispatcher to call Metro if a police officer is needed. He reiterated that this program would cut response time.

COUNCILMAN BROWN stated that the City has done a great job in justifying, not only where the dollars come from, but where they go. He requested that within the next few months Metro's staff answer efficiency questions regarding Metro's internal programs. He acknowledged MAYOR PRO TEM REESE and COUNCILMAN MACK for being the eyes and ears for the City Council as members of the Fiscal Affairs Committee. He commended SHERIFF YOUNG for establishing himself as a true leader.

MAYOR GOODMAN commended SHERIFF YOUNG'S commitment, and stated he was privileged to stand by his side while making the public service announcements to seek support from the community for the sales tax initiative. He appreciated the Sheriff justifying his position before the City Council.

CITY MANAGER SELBY explained that during the two-budget workshops preliminary budget and revenue numbers were brought out. Through a PowerPoint presentation, which has been made a part of the Final Minutes, he highlighted some of the discussions held during those workshops. These included the contribution of 8% to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, funding an additional \$75 million for parks and recreation capital projects, set aside of \$3 million for new debt service to support additional capital projects, adding 40 new General Fund positions, transferring eight existing EVOLVE positions into the General Fund, deleting 9 vacant General Fund positions, and adding ten non-General Fund positions. Those are Enterprise Fund, Internal Service and Special Revenue Fund positions, a net gain of 41 positions. He reserved the opportunity to come back at a later time to ask for new positions for the staffing of the Washington and Buffalo Park. He invited MARK VINCENT, Director, Finance and Business Services, to briefly present the General Fund Revenues and General Fund Expenditures.

MR. VINCENT continued with the PowerPoint presentation and explained that the consolidated tax revenue constitutes 53% of the revenue source. Even though the City has been enjoying a fairly strong economy, it is still subject to things that are beyond control. Property tax is at \$93 million, representing an estimated increase of 7.6%. Public Safety is the largest expenditure with a \$111 million contribution to Metro. In addition, the City contributes about \$4 million a year in debt service to support some of the capital programs, such as the Police Academy and some of the new substations. The debt service represents about 3%, and the City of Las Vegas is very fortunate for a city of its size to be in this kind of debt situation. Public Services covers the Legislative body, the City Council and its staff, the City Manager's Office, Finance, Human Resources, City Auditor, City Clerk, City Attorney and Information

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At the May 2, 2005 budget workshop, under the City Council's direction, nine positions were eliminated. About a half a million dollars were added into operable radio equipment and essentially the budget is still balanced with a \$4.2 million surplus. That surplus is to help with the debt service that the City will be incurring. Regarding the property tax rate, MR. VINCENT explained that there would be no rate increase in the operating tax rate. In fact, the debt service rate has gone down a fraction of a penny and is slightly less than last year. He noted that back in the mid to early 90s the City would typically raise its tax levy to whatever the state limit allowed. In Fiscal Year 1997 the decision was made by the then Council to roll back the property tax rate to about 9%. This was possible because of the tremendous growth in the mid 1990s. The City has maintained a flat tax rate, even though the statutory limit allowed to levy for operating has grown. In fact, the levy for Fiscal Year '06 is less than what it was in Fiscal-Year '95 and roughly equal to what it was in Fiscal Year '94.

The City has been very conscientious about adding positions. In fact, as part of the budget process, positions have been eliminated that have been vacant and are no longer needed. Over the last five years the City of Las Vegas staff has grown at 12.6%, less than other agencies in the Valley have grown. In fact, the population for the County has grown 20.6%. He pointed out that even though Metro's staff has grown 15.8%, it has not kept pace with the growth in the County.

The staffing per capita for public safety has grown by 5.5% over the total five years, whereas the non-public safety staffing has decreased by 9.2%. COUNCILMAN BROWN verified with MR. VINCENT that the budget as presented by the Sheriff is not reflected in the 4.82 as indicated on the chart. That chart represents only the 58 positions the Sheriff asked for in his budget submission.

The recommendations made the by the City Council on May 2, 2005 were incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan. The most significant item is the Parks and Leisure item of \$182 million. A lot of that growth is because of the supplements from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act.

MR. VINCENT referred to the City of Las Vegas Parks in Progress list that is presented to the City Council anytime an amendment or change is made to a park project. The current chart incorporates the changes that were made at the March 22, 2005 and May 2, 2005 City Council budget workshops. He pointed out an item on the May 18, 2005 agenda requesting to award a contract to supplement for the Freedom Park Pool and Bathhouse. Staff will be asking to allocate a portion of the Freedom Park Master Plan Funding to the Freedom Park Pool and Bathhouse. The list in the Council backup will reflect that recommended change. In the event that that money is not needed for contingency for that contract, the money would be put back into the Freedom Park Master Plan Funding.

MR. VINCENT indicated that the Redevelopment Agency Budget is also balanced. A tax increment revenue of about \$11.8 million is estimated. It represents almost no growth in existing property, but it does recognize growth in new construction and new development that has been occurring in the Downtown area. It is about a \$1.8 million increase over last year. Approximately 75% is going to debt service, 18% is set aside for affordable housing that must be provided by law and the balance for the operating services and supplies of \$.13 million.

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MR. VINCENT added that the Citizen Priority Advisory Committee reviewed the proposed budget early in the process. They also reviewed the budget policies, which was provided as backup documentation. No changes were made to the budget policies. He submitted to the City Clerk the letter from the Citizen Priority Advisory Committee endorsing these policies signed by its members.

Regarding AB489, MR. VINCENT indicated that the Department of Taxation is working on the final instructions on property tax. He believes an amended budget will have to be filed, but there will be no impact on the operating or capital budgets.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE asked for an update on the artificial turf installation. MR. VINCENT responded that another million dollars has been added, for a total of two million dollars for the artificial turf installation. Projects have been identified in Ward 3, and funding is available for artificial turf for the Ed Fountain Park Phase 2 or 3. CITY MANAGER SELBY added that early next week the City Council would receive the work plan for artificial turf to include Mike Morgan, Rafael Rivera and Ed Fountain Parks.

COUNCILMAN MACK announced this is to be his last budget hearing. He thanked CITY MANAGER SELBY, MR. VINCENT and most importantly all the directors for their contributions to the City. The City of Las Vegas' budget compared to other municipalities does more with less while still providing the same level of quality service. MAYOR PRO TEM REESE stated he is certain that everyone appreciates all that COUNCILMAN MACK has done for his constituency as well.

Via conference call, MAYOR GOODMAN asked that the record reflect he was voting yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE thanked the department directors, the City Manager and his staff for all the help they have given the City Council, especially during the budget process.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing closed for Item 1 [Fiscal Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Tentative Budget and Fiscal Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Final Budget, including the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan] and Item 2 [Fiscal Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Tentative Budget and Fiscal Year 2006 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Final Budget].

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NOTE: See Item 1 for all related discussion.

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MINUTES:

NONE

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:05 A.M.